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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of December 6, 2022

A current overview of issues affecting the state of public health in San Francisco

<https://www.dph.org/dph/comupg/aboutdph/insideDept/dirRpts/default.asp>

Today, there are over 184,400 San Francisco residents with confirmed cases of COVID-19. And, sadly, a total of 1,073 San Franciscans have died. The San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) sends our condolences to their loved ones.

POPULATION HEALTH DIVISION AWARDED 5-YEAR \$11.9 MILLION CDC PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

Supported in part by the American Rescue Plan Act, CDC issued the Notice of Funding Opportunity OE22-2203: *Strengthening U.S. Public Health Infrastructure, Workforce, and Data Systems*—an unprecedented \$3.2 billion investment in critical public health infrastructure needed by jurisdictions across the U.S. In response, DPH Population Health Division's (PHD) Center for Learning & Innovation and stakeholders from across the Division developed a highly collaborative proposal entitled Project INVEST (INovations that Value Equity and Strengthen Teams). Led by Principal Investigators Drs. Jonathan Fuchs and Susan Philip, the Division will be awarded \$11.9 million over the next 5 years to increase hiring of diverse public health staff and to strengthen foundational capabilities in training, equity, communications, data management, and community engagement. Project INVEST will play a vital role in helping to advance PHD's Workforce Development plan as the Department applies for Public Health reaccreditation in early 2023.

DPH CELEBRATES UNVEILING OF NEW MURAL AT SF CITY CLINIC

DPH celebrated the unveiling of a new mural in collaboration with Precita Eyes Muralists at SF City Clinic in the South of Market neighborhood. SF City Clinic is an outpatient clinic whose goal is to prevent, diagnose and treat sexually transmitted infections and HIV as well as serve the sexual health needs of San Franciscans.

Funding for the mural was provided by the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control.

Precita Eyes Muralists has been celebrating community mural art and culture since 1977. A community-based, mural arts organization, their work enriches and beautifies urban environments. They also educate the public about the process of creating art. The mural design for SF City Clinic is



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framed by a flowing waterfall on the left and a Bodhi tree on the right. Birds from all over the world are found in the mural to represent the diverse population of San Francisco and the clinic's patients.

About SF City Clinic:

SF City Clinic is part of the DPH's Population Health Division which provides the core of public health services in the City that includes health protection, health promotion, disease and injury prevention, and disaster preparedness and response. At SF City Clinic, patients can access testing, diagnosis, and treatment of HIV and other STIs, PEP and PrEP for HIV prevention, vaccines against hepatitis A/B and HPV. Additionally, they provide women's health services.

SF City Clinic sees about 250 patients a week, primarily between the ages of 20-40, who are uninsured or part of the San Francisco Health Network. Patients experiencing new symptoms of STIs make up 40% of clinical visits. Patients represent a wide diversity in gender, sexuality and ethnicities that reflect San Francisco.

For over four decades, SF City Clinic has contributed to critical advances in the scientific and public health knowledge of STI and HIV epidemiology, testing and treatment. Along with patient care and clinical teaching, research is one of core activities of the clinic. Most recently, SF City Clinic participated in a national clinical trials study and issued [guidance on doxy-PEP](#), a method of reducing sexually transmitted infections.

SF TO OFFER ASSISTANCE TO RESTAURANTS AND OTHER FOOD SERVICE INDUSTRY BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

DPH partnered with Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, Supervisor Connie Chan, the Office of the Treasurer & Tax Collector (TTX) to announce the creation of a payment plan option to assist small businesses, mostly restaurants and food related industry businesses, impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Certain businesses that fell behind on payments for DPH license fees can now continue to operate with valid licenses as long as they enter into a payment plan by April 30, 2023.

As COVID-19 restrictions eased, DPH's Environmental Health Branch conducted an analysis finding that a significant number of businesses, such as restaurants and other food service industry businesses, fell behind on bills and had unpaid permit and license fees. TTX used this data to verify that more than 1,000 businesses with outstanding fees owed a collective \$2.6 million to DPH and \$7 million in other taxes to the City.

Under existing law, businesses were required to pay all outstanding fees in full in order to maintain their regulatory permits to operate. Recognizing that the requirement to pay in full was a significant



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barrier to small businesses, TTX and DPH worked with Supervisor Mandelman to amend the Business and Tax Regulations Code to allow businesses to enter into payment plans, giving them the time and flexibility to catch up on payments as they continue to recover from the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The legislation was unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors.

TTX collects license fees for various City departments on the Unified License Bill including DPH. Previously, the Business and Tax Regulations Code did not allow TTX to accept partial payments of DPH fees. If a business did not pay its fees within 30 days after they became due, the permit automatically expired by operation of the law. Under this legislation, businesses have until April 30, 2023 to enter into installment payment plans for fees that were delinquent prior to March 31, 2023. Businesses that enter into payment plans will have their DPH licenses tentatively reinstated and are allowed to continue to operate as long as they remain current on their respective payments and comply with additional conditions under the plan. The installment payment plans are a critical tool to ensure public health codes are met, while ensuring businesses can continue to operate while in compliance with the law.

This payment plan option will help keep San Francisco's commercial corridors active and vibrant by supporting neighborhood-serving small businesses, especially restaurants and other food service businesses, and protect jobs in the community.

For more information and to verify eligibility for the installment payment plans, visit sftreasurer.org/SFDPHPaymentPlan.

For more information regarding DPH's Environmental Health branch and permitting process, visit <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/eh/>.

DPH AND GETTING TO ZERO SF RECOGNIZE WORLD AIDS DAY

On December 1, Getting to Zero SF (GTZ-SF) hosted an event marking World AIDS Day. World AIDS Day, designated on December 1st of every year since 1988, is an international day dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic and mourning those who have died of the disease. The President of the United States has made an official annual proclamation for World AIDS Day since 1993. This year's Getting to Zero event highlighted how the PrEP and RAPID GTZ committees have pivoted their work to address racial/ethnic disparities as well as provided an update on overdose prevention. Dr. Grant Colfax provided opening remarks. Thank you to GTZ-SF and DPH leadership for raising awareness and centering collective action on this important day.



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MPX UPDATE

LOCATION	TOTAL CASES AS OF 11/5/22 (probable and confirmed)
San Francisco	839
California	5,572
U.S.	29,367
Worldwide	81,462

COVID-19 UPDATE

As of November 23:

- San Francisco's 7-day rolling average of new COVID cases per day is 141 and 74 people are hospitalized, including 5 in the ICU.
- San Francisco's remaining ICU capacity is 32.6% and remaining non-ICU capacity is 16.6%.
- Eighty-six percent of all SF residents have been vaccinated and 64% have received booster dose(s).

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**SAN FRANCISCO HEALTH NETWORK
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December 2022
Governing Body Report - Credentialing Summary
 (12/5/2022 MEC)

	12/2022	07/2022 to 07/2023
New Appointments	4	174
Reinstatements	0	1
Reappointments	44	270
Delinquencies:		
Reappointment Denials:		
Resigned/Retired:	9	79
Disciplinary Actions	0	0
Administrative Suspension	0	2
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges		
Deceased		
Changes in Privileges		
Voluntary Relinquishments	16	98
Additions	5	70
Proctorship Completed	20	147

Current Statistics – as of 11/30/22	
Active Staff	560
Courtesy Staff	653
Affiliated Professionals (non-physicians)	298



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Applications in Process	25
Applications Withdrawn Month of December 2022	0
SFGH Reappointments in Process 1/1/23 to 3/31/23	137
TOTAL MEMBERS	1,511